

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 519 – HB 568

February 28, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Enacts the *Tennessee Retail Pet Store Consumer Protection Act* to require retail pet stores, at the time of sale of a dog, to provide documentation containing specific information including, but not limited to, the purchaser's rights, description of the dog, and the date of sale of such dog. Authorizes the purchaser of a dog to request reimbursement of veterinarian costs from the retail pet store in an amount up to the purchase price of the dog within 14 days of purchase, if such dog has been determined to have a preexisting illness by the veterinarian. Authorizes disputes to be resolved by civil action.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004326):** Deletes and replaces language in the original bill to exempt from the definition of a "retail pet store" fleas markets and retail establishments that sell companion animals that are bred or raised on the establishments' premises, and to delete the provision that prohibited a retail pet store from selling, delivering, bartering, auctioning, brokering, giving away, or transferring a dog to a person under 18 years of age.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed bill as amended does not require any permits or licenses pertaining to pet stores.
- There will not be a significant increase in state or local expenditures associated with ensuring compliance with the requirements of the bill as amended, as no state or local agencies are tasked with ensuring such compliance.

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These revenues and expenditures are estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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